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Hormone Receptor (MCH1) and Uses Thereof

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING
SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f)
AND §1.27(d) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am:

 the owner of the small business concern identified below.

 X an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the
concern identified below:

Name of Concern: Synaptic Pharmaceutical Corporation

Address of Concern: 215 College Road
Paramus, New Jersey 07652-1431, U.S.A.

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a
small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. §121.3-18, reproduced in 37 C.F.R.
§1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. §41(a) and §41(b), in
that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does
not exceed five hundred (500) persons. For purposes of this verified statement, the
number of employees of the business concern is the average number, over the previous
fiscal year, of the persons employed by the business concern on a full-time,
part-time, or temporary basis during each pay period of the fiscal year, and
concerns are affiliates of each other when, either directly or indirectly, one
concern controls or has power to control the other, or a third party or parties
controls or has power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain
with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention
entitled

DNA Encoding a Human Melanin Concentrating Hormone Receptor (MCH1) and Uses Thereof
described in:

 X the specification filed herewith
 application serial no. filed
 patent no. issued

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive,
each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed
below^a and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the
inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c)*,
any concern which could not qualify as a small business concern under 37
C.F.R. §1.9(d)* or as a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(e)*.

Name: N/A
Address:

 Individual Small Business Concern Nonprofit Organization

^aNOTE: Separate verified statements are required for each named person, concern, or
organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small
entities. 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. 37 C.F.R. §1.28(b)*.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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